

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP RCE**
 Shinji Ishida et al.)
 Application No.: 10/562,829) Group Art Unit: 3767
 Filing Date: December 29, 2005) Examiner: Bradley James Osinski
 Title: TUBE CLAMP APPARATUS AND) Confirmation No.: 6473
 TUBE CONNECTING APPARATUS)

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. a. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 1.c. below.
 - b. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following document(s) for which continued examination is requested:
 - i. Consider the amendment previously filed on September 14, 2010.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Other: _____
 - c. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

<input type="checkbox"/> i. Amendment/Reply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> iv. Petition for Extension of Time
<input type="checkbox"/> ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> v. Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> iii. Information Disclosure Statement	
2. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months. **Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required.**)
3. **The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.** The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims previously paid for in this application prior to this submission.

FEES				
RCE Fee (1801)				
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate
Total Claims	8	20	0	x 52 (1202)
Independent Claims	1	3	0	x 220 (1201)
Total Fee				
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee				
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE				

4. Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
5. Charge \$810 to credit card for the fee due.
6. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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